



Great Basin Priority Summary - Based on Most Recent 209's
9/06/2020

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Evening Brief

Date: Sunday September 6th, 2020

Weather Summary

***** Strong Winds Mon/Tue as Cold Front Sweeps from North-South through the Great Basin *****

***** Colder Temperatures Behind Cold Front with Wetting Rains and Some Snow in Eastern Areas *****

A strong cold front drops into the Great Basin today with winds shifting to the North and Northwest and increasing with gusts 40-50 mph across all but the far southern areas of the Great Basin today. Critically dry humidity/fuels will continue for many areas today with "High Risk" covering most of the region (see 7-Day Matrix for details).

This front will also push rain and snow mixed across eastern Idaho and Western Wyoming late Monday into Monday night, pushing into eastern Utah. About 0.10-0.30 inches of rain is possible in these areas, along with some snow accumulation above 7000 ft. Further south, mainly south of Highway 50, another day of strong winds and critically dry fuels is expected Tuesday over southern Utah/Nevada and the Arizona Strip.

After this quick cool blast of air, high pressure across the West Coast quickly builds back eastward with a return to very warm and dry conditions for the latter half of the week into the coming weekend.

Preparedness Levels & Great Basin Fire Activity (from WFDSS)

Great Basin	PL 3	Light Initial Attack Activity
National	PL 5	New Fires and Acres: 20 fires for 278.9 acres. 9,642 Large fire acre growth.

Fuels/Fire Potential

***** A Fuel and Fire Behavior Advisory is in Effect for Eastern Nevada, Most of Utah and the Western Arizona Strip ****

Fuels of all classes are near record dry levels across much of the region today and drier than normal in all areas.

In the lower elevations, grasses are fully cured, and sagebrush live fuel moisture is ranging from 60-100% in most areas, correlating with extreme fire behavior.

However, there will be some significant fuel moistening across Eastern Idaho, Western Wyoming and Northeastern Utah late Monday into Tuesday as a powerful but fast moving cold front brings sharply colder, more moist conditions along with low end wetting rain (and mountain snow) in these eastern areas of the Great Basin. Elsewhere further west, the relief will be much more slight and temporary, before quickly drying back out in the latter half of the week, and back to near current levels by the upcoming weekend.

Some significant modification of large fires in the Uinta's and Western Wyoming are likely, but fires burning in heavier fuels across Central/Western Idaho and on the Sierra Front will likely continue to actively burn thru this period.

Resources:

Aviation within the Great Basin

- 1 VLAT, 3 LATs, 0 CL-415
- 25 SEATs, 9 AA, 1 ASM
- 8 Type 1 Helicopters / 7 Comm.
- 13 Type 2 Helicopters / 9 Comm.
- 19 Type 3 Helicopters / 5 Comm.

Crews Committed within the Great Basin

- 8 IHCs / 1 Available
- 13 Type 2IA / 0 Available

Current Incident Details

Today's Activity (from WFDSS):

Incident Name	Unique Fire Identifier	Size	Status	Latitude	Longitude	Pt. Of Origin Sage Grouse Habitat
*Fish Creek	2020-IDTFD-000326	3.5	Not Contained	43.54464	113.6994	IHMA
Wild Mountain	2020-IDCTF-000215	19	Not Contained	42.79311	112.431	NO
Potters Canyon	2020-UTMLF-000318	0.1	Contained 09/06/20	39.48362	111.324	NO
Bacon Rind	2020-UTMLF-000320	0.1	Contained 09/06/20	39.47251	111.3263	NO
Twin Creek	2020-UTMLF-000321	0.1	Not Contained	39.45806	111.3207	NO
Lowry	2020-UTMLF-000322	0.3	Not Contained	39.44726	111.3362	NO
Loc S Tent	2020-UTMLF-000323	0.3	Not Contained	39.40574	111.3772	NO
Orange Tree	2020-UTMLF-000324	0.1	Contained 09/06/20	39.45808	111.3207	NO
Mill Wash	2020-UTSWS-000790	0.1	Controlled 09/06/20	37.13878	113.5091	NO
Peterson Meadow	2020-UTMLF-000325	0.1	Not Contained	39.43522	111.3483	NO
North Tent	2020-UTMLF-000326	0.1	Not Contained	39.41158	111.3784	NO
ALKALI 5	2020-NVSND-501416	0.1	Out 09/07/20	36.45008	114.9547	NO
South Fork	2020-UTUWF-000890	0.1	Out 09/06/20	40.35863	111.1086	NO
Madison County Assist 2	2020-ID1MN-000217	2	Not Contained	43.86213	111.8966	FWS-OCC
William	2020-UTNWS-000891	200	Not Contained	39.93688	111.779	NO
SHEEP CREEK	2020-UTASF-100389	0.1	Not Contained	40.87861	109.8593	FWS-OCC
Soldier Creek	2020-UTUWF-000892	0.3	Contained 09/06/20	40.16978	111.0219	PHMA
Joe Town	2020-UTSCS-200573	0.5	Controlled 09/06/20	38.6273	112.1917	NO
Swinging Bridge	2020-WYBTF-002016	50	Not Contained	43.36866	110.7344	GHMA
Washington Dam	2020-UTSWS-000793	2	Not Contained	37.11345	113.4351	NO

* Fires occurred previous night, not today

For additional information go to: [Great Basin Coordination Center Web Site](#)